

may be transferred from the previously mentioned departments to the Medical Assistance Program. Further, should the facility or program become eligible subsequent to payment to the facility or program by any of the previously mentioned departments, and the Medical Assistance Program makes subsequent additional payments to the facility or program for the same services, any recoveries of overpayment, whether paid in this or prior fiscal years, shall become available to the Medical Assistance Program for provider reimbursement purposes.

SECTION 15. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all funds appropriated to the various State departments and agencies in Comptroller object 0831 (Office of Administrative Hearings) to conduct administrative hearings by the Office of Administrative Hearings are to be transferred to the Office of Administrative Hearings (D99A11.01) on July 1, 2004 and may not be expended for any other purpose.

SECTION 16. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That funds budgeted in the State Department of Education and the Departments of Health and Mental Hygiene, Human Resources, and Juvenile Services may be transferred by budget amendment to the Subcabinet Fund - Community Partnerships for Children, Youth, and Families (RA04). Funds transferred would represent costs associated with local partnership agreements approved by the Subcabinet for children, youth and families.

SECTION 17. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That funds appropriated to the various State agency programs and subprograms in Comptroller objects 0152 (Health Insurance), 0154 (Retirees Health Insurance Premiums), 0175 (Workers' Compensation), 0217 (Health Insurance - MDOT only), and 0305 (DBM Paid Telecommunications) are to be utilized for their intended purposes only. ~~The expenditure or transfer of these funds for other purposes requires the prior approval of the Secretary of Budget and Management.~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Budget and Management may transfer amounts appropriated in Comptroller object 0305 between State departments and agencies by approved budget amendment in fiscal year 2004 and fiscal year 2005.

SECTION 18. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Board of Public Works, in exercising its authority to create additional positions pursuant to Section 7-236 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, may authorize during the fiscal year no more than ~~250~~ 50 positions in excess of the total number of authorized State positions on July 1, 2004, as determined by the Secretary of Budget and Management. Provided, however, that if the imposition of this ceiling causes undue hardship in any department, agency, board, or commission, additional positions may be created for that affected unit to the extent that positions authorized by the General Assembly for the fiscal year are abolished in that unit or in other units of State government. It is further provided that the limit of ~~250~~ 50 does not apply to any position that may be created in conformance with specific manpower statutes that may be enacted by the State or federal government nor to any positions created to implement block grant actions or to implement a program reflecting fundamental changes in federal/State relationships. Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, the Board of